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| For: SWASH-PLATE COMPRESSOR    | ) |                           |
| HAVING A PISTON IN WHICH A     | ) |                           |
| CONTACT SURFACE TO BE          | ) |                           |
| CONTACTED WITH A SHOE IS       | ) |                           |
| CONTINUOUSLY AND               | ) |                           |
| EXTENSIVELY FORMED             | ) |                           |

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Respectfully submitted,  
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